

Chepachet Fire District
Executive Board – Monthly Meeting
September 16th, 2015

The Chepachet Fire District monthly meeting was held at the Chepachet Fire Station on Wednesday, September 16th, 2015. Chairman Earl Newman called the meeting to order at 6:32pm. Members present were Lynda Martone, William Cardin and George Leonhardt. Also present were Treasurer David Steere, District Clerk/Secretary Darlene Shields, Chief Robert Dauphinais and Tax Collector Patricia Svansson. Absent were Robert Lohr and Deputy Chief Dennis Huestis.

Secretary's Report:

All members have received copies of the minutes for August 26th, 2015 Executive Board Monthly Meeting for their review.

Motion made by Mrs. Martone to accept the minutes as presented, second by Mr. Leonhardt and passed unanimously.

Tax Collector's Report:

Mrs. Svansson noted there were 6 deposits made in July totaling \$10,651.64. Tax Sale was held on September 11th, 2015 and there 12 properties on the list. 2 Properties were picked up by Rhode Island

Housing and the remaining 10 were sold at the tax sale.

Tax Collected thanks Deputy Chief Dennis Huestis, Sandra LePlat and Darlene Shields with their help with the tax sale and also mentioned that it's been a pleasure working with Attorney Glenn Carlson and his staff.

Motion made by Mr. Leonhardt to accept the Tax Collector's Monthly Reports for August 2015, second by Mrs. Martone and passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report:

Mr. Steere presented the Monthly Report for September 2015 as so we are in good shape. On the last page \$733,000 in funds \$376,000 restricted funds leaving \$357,000 in operation funds. Third Party was good for the month of August we collected \$20,266.00.

Deputy Chief Dennis Huestis is in attendance at 6:36pm

Motion made by Mrs. Martone to accept the Treasurer's Reports for August 2015, second by Mr. Lohr and Passed unanimously.

Chief's Report:

Motion made by Mr. Leonhardt to accept the Chief's Monthly Reports

August, second by Mrs. Martone and passed unanimously.

Committee: Charter Committee: Tabled

Rescue Committee – Waiting for Board to award Bid which is under new business

Personnel Committee - Tabled

Old Business:

1. Street Lights:

Mrs. Shields has not heard from PRISM will call to check on status.

2. Communication Upgrades:

Chief Dauphinais advised that there has been progress and as of right now they are looking to get off the Durfee Hill Town and go on a New Tower to be built on Willie Woodhead Rd. This would eliminate the need to make structure upgrades to the Durfee Hill Tower that would cost the 3 districts more money. Chairman Newman asked where the project was now and projected completion date. Chief Dauphinais advised that they are working on it and have all the repeaters in and are programmed. They are waiting on all 3 districts to pay a partial payment of \$18,000 each district for repeaters and they will move forward with sweeping the towers and testing the

cables and antennas.

3. Investing / Navigant:

Treasurer Mr. Steere has been in contact with Daniel O'Brien from Navigant and all forms have been completed and submitted to the Bank of Boston and just waiting for the approval to be insured up to ½ Million dollars and to move the funds over to Navigant.

4. Award Rescue Bid

Chief reviewed the bids and reiterated that only one bid was compliant with the bid specs. Minuteman's Bid was the most compliant with 2 minor issues. Height of the truck is 109" which will fit into the station Total Bid is \$246,224 with all the options. Minuteman was also the company who built Tanker 12 our last truck and overall everyone is happy with the truck. There is also a possibility of a \$3,200 discount. Radio is not included and cost will be \$2,000 - \$3,000. It takes approximately 180 days for the truck to be built.

Motion made by Mrs. Martone to award Minuteman the Bid for the New Rescue in the amount of \$246,224.00, second by Mr. Leonhardt and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

5. Set Tax Rate:

Tax Collector Patricia Svansson provided the assessment from the Tax Assessors and total revaluation with exemptions came to \$416,740,163.00 and our current tax rate is .975. Budget was set so that tax revenue needs to be \$403,832 generated from taxes. If the current tax rate remains the same it would generate approximately \$406,000 which is a couple of thousands over we need to collect.

Motion made by Mrs. Martone to set the tax rate at .975 percent for the 2015 Taxes, second my Mr. Leonhardt and passed unanimously.

6. Annual Gloucester Firefighters Steak fry

Chief Dauphinais mentioned the Annual Steak fry will be on October 3rd at Watmough's Camp Ground 4pm -8pm.

The next meeting will be the Monthly Meeting on October 21st, 2015 at 6:30pm

With no further business at this time, motion made by Mr. Leonhardt to adjourn, second by Mrs. Martone and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm.

Respectfully submitted, ~~~~~~

Darlene L Shields

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District Clerk / Chepachet Fire District